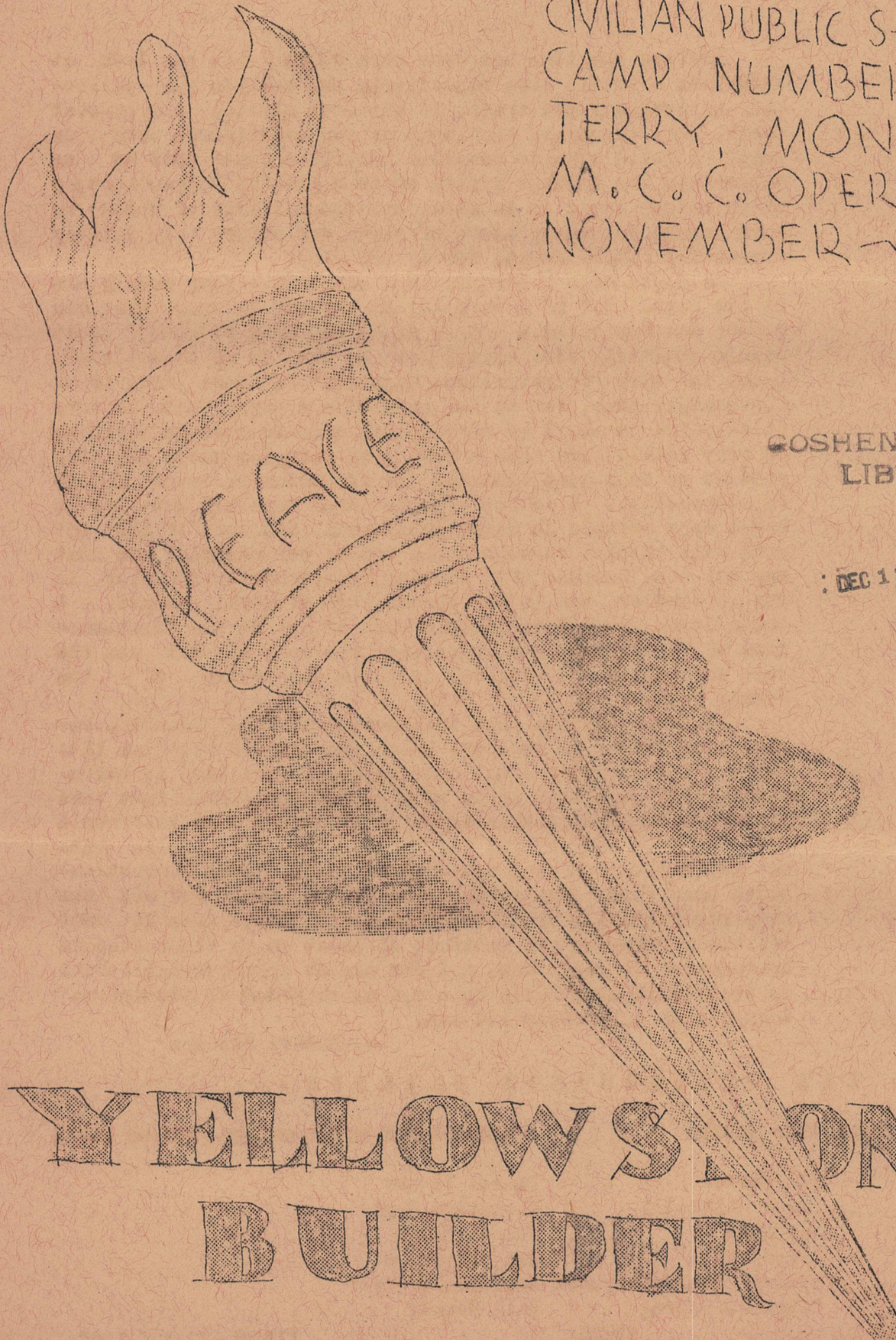


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EDITORIAL

Perhaps the time has come when we as C.O.s can look at ourselves a little more objectively and analyze our philosophy of morality and truth, to which we ascribe our present state, more freely in the light of our experiences here in camp. I would like to consider briefly a fault that we as Mennonites are perhaps guilty of to a greater degree than any other single group in America, and the futility of which we have become intensely aware of since our effort at jointly operating C.P.S. camps, namely scruples.

To begin with a scruple is a sin, and a very deadly sin at its best. Yet if I were to ask any man in camp what his reason was for being a C.O. I would probably receive a short answer something like this: "I must be true to my conscience", hence the term 'Conscientious Objector', a term that is unfortunately true, and at the same time a term that is very distasteful to me. I am afraid that a conscience on anything is very little more than a series of scruples which are the product of one's home training and for which he cannot wholly be responsible. I do not mean to infer that any act that is based on a scruple is essentially evil, and that if that act were well thought through would not be commendable, but that any act done because of a lashing conscience is inferior in its motivation, and is the lowest form of moral conduct. I think Jesus would have likened such an act to the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, who were of all men the most scrupulous and exacting in their observance of the Mosaic Code.

It is an obvious fact that scruples have been the restraining forces in society, which they should be, and that without them society would undoubtedly revert back to barbarism; at the same time it is also an unquestionable fact that there has been no greater force in the history of the world that has been responsible for holding men at variance with one another, and keeping men chained to time worn conventionalism than these same scruples. Is it not for men who have experienced a new freedom to be the first ones to cast off their scruples and manifest at least among themselves the brotherhood of man? Hate and war almost appear insignificant in their ruinous effects upon men as compared to the vicious scruples of self satisfied men.

---Edward Friesen

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CAMPER'S FALL SOCIAL HELD

On Saturday evening of November 13, the men here in camp met together for the second social of the Fall and Winter season. Approximately 120 persons were present including Government supervisors, wives of campers, and friends.

The highlight of the evening was a debate. The question was, 'Resolved, that it is more advantageous to be married than to be single in C.P.S.'. The affirmative side of the debate was presented by two single men; David Schrag and Willard Schrag; while two married men, Daniel Diener and Willard Unruh, praised the lot of the single man. The presence of Mrs. Unruh in the audience didn't seem to have a noticeable effect on Willard. Both sides dipped liberally out of the fountain of wisdom and experience, and each side portrayed its case masterfully. The decision of the judges in favor of the negative was greeted both by applause and 'boos'.

Other features of the program were group songs led by Francis Lowe, a vocal solo by Ed. Friesen, and a three round boxing match between 'Slaughterhouse Bill' - alias Willard Swartzendruber, and 'Horizontal Bill' - alias Eldon Whitesitt, (Referee Paul Martin could not be blamed for running away when he was unable to decide on the winner) and an instrumental ensemble consisting of Paul King and John Paul playing guitars, Hershall Hocley playing the accordion, and Albert Dirksen playing the castinettes, more commonly called bones.

A few of the things that will long be remembered are -- the ability of the Master of Ceremonies, Rufus Baehr, to sway an audience; the antics of the referee, Paul Martin; the superb bone rattling of Albert Dirksen; and the serious and determined look of David Schrag as he quoted Benjamin Franklin from a Sears, Roebuck mail order catalogue.

Refreshments consisting of cocoa and rolls were served from the canteen counter. The many favorable comments is indicative of the good time had by all.

-- Clarence Sahrag

ROAST TURKEY FOR C.P.S. 64

Roast turkey, stuffing, candied sweet potatoes, peas and mashed potatoes and gravy with all the trimmings made the Thanksgiving dinner here in camp an event that will not soon be forgotten by the campers. The meal was comparable to any the men would have had at home, even to an enormous piece of pumpkin pie a la mode.

The tables were lined up end to end in two long rows, and were covered with blue and peach colored table clothes made from wall paper. With candles, and fruit bowls made from halved pumpkins filled with apples and grapes, the setting was complete for a really swell banquet.

Mrs. Beechy and Miss Wedel, as well as the cooks and everyone else who had a part in the preparation are to be thanked for making the evening such an enjoyable one. If there is anyone who doubts the ability of men cooks, they should have been present and observed the perfection of the entire meal.

A special word of thanks should go to the many friends and relatives of the men here in camp in Mt. Lake, Minn. for providing the 150 pounds of turkey for the dinner. It means a lot to men in camp to feel the genuine interest the folks at home show in them here.

Following the dinner there was a special Thanksgiving service held in the chapel. The camp chorus rendered two numbers, and Rev. D.A. Yoder from Elkhart, Indiana brought the Thanksgiving message.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Wedel wishes to announce that Dr. Bridenstein said that Earl Marsh ** does not have the mumps, but warns **** that anyone with swollen glands especially in the jaw should report at once* to the infirmary for isolation and a ** semi-liquid diet.

** Space filler only

VIEWS AND OPINIONS

LET'S GET TOGETHER

by Eli Mast

We are all familiar with the slogan: 'In unity there is strength'. In the present war the allied nations have united their efforts in order to accomplish the defeat of the enemy through their common effort. When Christ prayed his high priestly prayer in the garden on the eve before his death, He prayed for the unity of believers when He said, "That they all may be one as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me".

Perhaps it is impossible yet to conceive of a union of all Christian believers into a single organization, but it seems to me that it is not too early to begin to think about a union of Mennonites, the purpose of which would be for greater effort in the promotion of missions, and a more extensive educational system as well as many other benefits.

In camp our differences have disappeared as far as customs, traditions and manners are concerned. We worship together as though we were of one church group. On the whole there is a spirit of charity and unity manifested. It is hard to imagine how little inspiration we would receive from our worship services if we should avoid the other church groups. As we work with our fellow campers and share each others views, I am compelled to say, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

I appreciate my fellow camper for what he is and for what he has to share with me. Not because he belongs to the same church as I do or because he practices the same customs that I do, but I value the friendship, and desire the fellowship of those who are most sincere in their Christian life and conduct; those who manifest the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. They are from the Old Order Amish, the General Conference of Mennonites and Old Mennonites, and not from a single

OUR CONSTANT GUIDE

by Lloyd Toews

One is tempted to worry. One wants to write. Thoughts about this come again and again through the day. The Scripture says 'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God. This is also essential in writing and everything we do. We should have our creator in view as the one who guides with his own eye. When we do desire to do everything moderately we pray sincerely at all times, trusting in Jesus fully is obeying his commandments.

How does a Christian know how to talk or answer when different questions are asked? Jesus himself is not here in person. He was here once upon this earth where he taught the way of love, having chosen apostles to be with him and who witnessed the saving grace. His love was manifest from his very youth, till through his crucifixion. Afterwards He arose and met with the apostles again and then ascended into heaven. Afterwards the Holy Ghost descended as Jesus had promised. Jesus called him the comforter. In John 14:26 it is written "But the comforter, which is the holy ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you".

We are all descendants of Adam and Eve, who by disobedience fell into sin so that we cannot have our full comfort except we have the comforter to guide our lives in its fullness, so that when this life is over our souls will be clean. May we ever permit this comforter to be our guide, that washes us clean from sin daily in the blood of the Lamb, so that we will be ready any time He calls us out of this life. May we be of those that have been guided by the comforter who was freely given by our creator who clothes, feeds, and shelters us. Finally let us pray to the Father of body and soul that souls may be made clean from sin so that they may be in comfort for all eternity rather than in misery.

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ON THANKSGIVING

by Daniel Diener

Dear God I thank you for --

- your love and mercy towards me.
- a noble Christian heritage.
- a government that recognizes minorities.
- a church with a peace testimony.
- the privilege of expressing my convictions as my conscience allows.
- the hard things of life that have helped to refine my character.
- parents and family.
- health and strength
- shelter, food, and clothing. There are so many suffering in this world.

Sometimes I've looked down at my feet too much and thought I was in the mire. I became discouraged. Things looked futureless. I felt rebellious toward my circus

Forgive, Lord. I must have lost faith in your strong arm of help, and thought I was self sufficient. Help me in this Thanksgiving season --

- to be truly thankful for these blessings.
- to live above the petty troubles of life.
- to look up.

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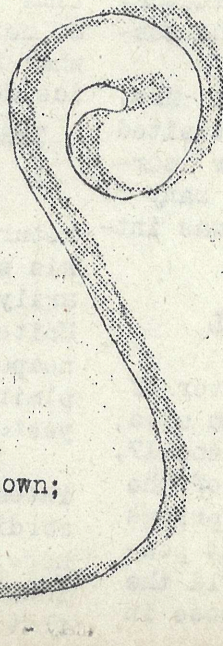
AT EVENING TIDE

by Ora Swoveland

When shadows fall at even' tide,
And mountains echo back the call;
As the sun sinks low beyond the hills,
We face the end of a day.

It's then we think of those we love,
Of the trials and cares of the day;
It's then we ask God's forgiveness,
For unkind things we have done.

It's then we realize God is good to us,
We recall the peace and joy we've known;
And we ask again for His guiding hand -
Throughout the coming night.



Time will not stop for us nor would we want it to. Each succeeding day brings new experiences that compel us to say, 'Life is worth while'. Sometimes here in CPS, time is heavy on our hands, but it is then that we most appreciate those who have come to visit us and encourage us on.

On October 24, Rev. A. A. Dick paid us a visit and spoke to us that evening on the hope of the Christian after death. Rev. Dick was on his way from Luster, Montana where he spent many years as pastor, to his former home in Mt. Lake, Minn..

On October 27, Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Isaac, returned missionaries from India, spoke to us at our mid week prayer service. They told us of their many experiences in India where they spent three terms. Their son Donald is a camper here.

On November 1, Rev. Elmer Swartzendruber, and Rev. Christ Yoder met with the men in a special service. They assured us of their interest in us and the support of the folks back home. Both men were from near Wellman Iowa.

On November 7 we were glad to have two ministers from the East with us. They were Rev. Arthur Ruth, and Rev. William Anders. They were in charge of the services both morning and evening. A welcome is extended to them any time it is possible for them to come to Camp Terry again.

On November 10 Rev. Harry Diener from Hutchinson, Kansas, was with us to conduct our Wednesday evening prayer meeting. We all enjoyed Rev. Diener's friendliness and live interest for all the men in camp. His sons Truman and Daniel

EDUCATION

IN APPRECIATION

An effective camp educational program depends upon the willingness and cooperation of many men to serve on committees and in the many and varied camp activities. It would be impossible and undesirable for one man to try to carry on the activities and program of the camp.

I wish to express my appreciation to all camp committees and others for their fine cooperation in arranging for our religious, social, and athletic activities and to those who are giving of their time to serve as teachers for various camp classes. We also appreciate the help of the wives of the men in our camp program.

At present plans are being made for the educational quarter which will begin on December 11th, and which will continue until March 13.

It is my desire to know the wishes of you men as to what courses and activities you wish. We are anxious to make our educational program one which will be of the most help to the largest number. I will appreciate any suggestions you may have on how our camp program can be improved. I will give your suggestions every consideration.

-- Vernon Rocke
Educational Director

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are campers here.

On Thanksgiving day Rev. D. A. Yoder from Elkhart, Ind. was with us to share our turkey dinner and to bring us the message Thanksgiving evening. Wednesday evening he spoke to the group on the subject of 'Marriage'.

On Sunday November 27, Rev. and Mrs. P.V. Balzer, missionaries to India, visited the camp and were in charge of our services both morning and evening. The many references to their work in India was interesting to all.

HARRY MARTINS DEDICATES CHAPEL

Harry Martins, regional director of the C.P.S. camps of the Rocky Mountain area, visited Camp Terry November 15, 16, and 17. Mr. Martins had been director of the C.P.S. camp located at Colorado Springs previous to accepting his present position as regional director. He told the men that he had a three fold purpose in

visiting the camps,--first of all to interpret the program of the M.C.C. to the men in camp, second, to represent the men to the M.C.C., and thirdly, to be a friend to the men in the camps. Mr. Martins found time to speak to fellows wherever he met them, and proved that he meant what he said. During his visit he served ice dedicating the completed chapel was (held.

TERRY CAMPER CHOOSES JAIL TO CAMP

Richard Zumwinkle, who failed to return to camp here at the expiration of his seven-day furlough, has been temporarily released from the custody of the United States Marshall's office in Minneapolis pending the filing of a complaint against him it was learned here yesterday.

When 'Dick' left camp, he did not intend to return from his furlough. According to statements he made to friends here, he felt that his religious objections to war and conscription were such that he should not have registered in

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I BELIEVE

by Eldon Whitesitt

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I believe,
Because, unless I do
There is no use to live.
And how is it with you
My friend? You answer give.
Do you not find it true
That unbelief and fears
Just make one feel more blue,
And lead to grief and tears.

I believe
In God, whose smile
Beams out of Nature's face;
And when I pause a while
To pray, I feel his grace.
His presence is a friend
To all the meek and poor;
His kindness has no end,
His love is always sure.

I believe
In men, who are
The sons of God above.
And though they often mar
The wonders of his love
With hate and pride and greed,
They still within them claim
A spark, Divine, that needs
But time to make a flame.

A flame
That thru the ages must-
And shall - set fire to all
The crimes of greed and lust
That doom man to his fall,
And, burning on, make warm
The hearts of men, that there
A new life may be born
In reverence and prayer.

I Chose Mental Hospitals

Why should anyone in a camp such as we have here, sign to go to a place which is entirely foreign to what he has been accustomed to, into an environment which is not necessarily the most pleasant.

The reason is not because I have not enjoyed my life here, but because I feel that I can be of greater service to humanity and perhaps be able to give a more brilliant testimony to the way of love and peace.

I not only chose to go to a mental hospital because of the immediate results from that work, but also because I have the conviction that we as conscientious objectors have a great responsibility to prove to the world that the way of love not only keeps us from doing some things, but that it also creates in us a desire to help those who are not as fortunate as we are, whether in mental hospitals or those who have felt the effects of war.

The greatest reason, however, why I signed up for hospital work is because that at the present time there is the only place where relief training is being given. There is nothing I would rather do than to prepare myself to be able to go into relief work in the future. There are going to be great opportunities for work in that field, and I am hoping to be able to make some contribution in the work that is to be done.

--- Lawrence Greaser

Vern Stauffer, Pete Willems and Elmer Wiens left Camp Terry after being called to work in a mental hospital at Greystone, New Jersey; and David Knopp is now taking training for work in dairy testing in Main. It is with a feeling of regret that we see these men go, yet we know that the Kingdom of Peace cannot find its greatest expression in a desert, but rather in the hearts of men, and every effort in widening our contacts deserves our whole hearted support. Other men from our camp will soon be leaving for hospitals. *--E.H.F.

Ein Dank - Sovens Brief

Mir donka unser fater ein himmel es mir so ein blotz hen wie die kamp en blotz fon in de grick ga.

Mir donka dich foter, es mir so blenda hen zu essa in ein varma blotz fer shlofffa.

Mir donka dich foter es mir so ein gutie gens hen fer es vot gottes besser lona. Es sin bova do fon fiel deffenda gamana. Mir donka dich foter es so gut gaid ve es dut, es kent noch fiel besser. Mir kenna noch froa sei se so gut gaid. Mir beta dich foter es do uns helfst uf der recht veg konna so es mir all in der himmel ga kenna.

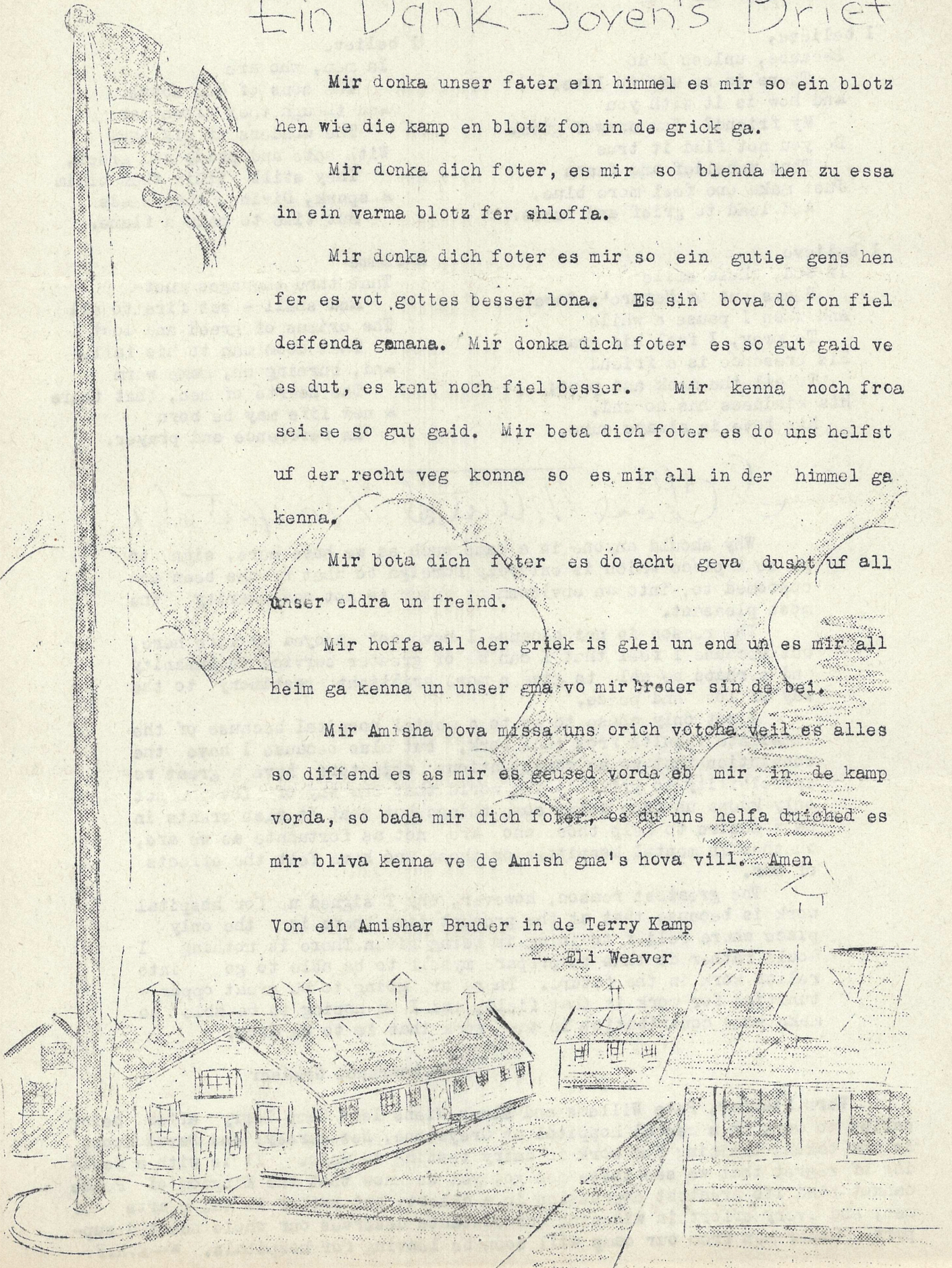
Mir bota dich foter es do acht geva dusht uf all unser eldra un freind.

Mir hoffa all der griek is glei un end un es mir all heim ga kenna un unser gma vo mir breder sin de bei.

Mir Amisha bova missa uns orich votcha weil es alles so diffend es as mir es geused vorda eb mir in de kamp vorda, so bada mir dich foter, es du uns helfa driched es mir bliva kenna ve de Amish gma's hova vill. Amen

Von ein Amishar Bruder in de Terry Kamp

-- Eli Weaver



BASKETBALL



Basketball practise has been in full swing since the first of November, although no league games have been played yet. The men will be organized into teams by dorms and a league will be formed.

On November 3, a camp team scrimmaged with the local high school team and came out victorious with a score of 23 to 16. A lack of practise was evidenced by the ragged passing and poor playing of the camp team. The players from the camp were Lloyd Goering, Harvey Goering, Harold Nickel, Marvin Dester, Richard Nachtigal and Willard Swartzendruber.

At present it appears that Barracks No. 2 shows promise of having the best team. They have an abundance of experienced players such as Lloyd and Harvey Goering, Harold Nickel, Marvin Dester, Eldon Reimer, and Bill Jaehde. They should be able to win the league easily.

Barracks No. 1 also has a number of promising players. Richard Nachtigal, perhaps is the most outstanding, but it is expected that this team should offer considerable competition in the league.

Barracks No. 3 and 4 are both too short of experienced players to figure in running for the winner. Dorm 3 has Ralph Boese who is a nice pivot and rebound man; and Dorm 4 has two good men in Elon Eash and Allen Shirk.

GROWING INTEREST IN BOXING

Considerable interest has been shown in boxing in the last few weeks. The recreational committee would like to encourage the fellows to participate in this fascinating sport. A tournament could be arranged for which would add to the interest. The gloves are big enough that there is no great danger of anyone getting hurt, and it is excellent indoor exercise that can be had in our limited space.

--Willard Swartzendruber

To --
Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Chupp
Twin girls
Carol Kay and Claudia Rae

To --
Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hooley
a girl
Patricia Ann

To --
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goering
a girl
Judilee

To --
Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder
a girl
John hasn't decided on a
name yet....

Congratulations from the campers of Camp Terry. It is hard to understand why they must all be girls when there is such a man shortage.

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"It is better to desire than to enjoy, to love than to be loved!"

Hazlitt

GRITTY GRAVEL AGATES

It is a monotonous thing to shovel gravel. Sometimes an agate turns up however which makes shoveling gravel a lot more interesting. One shovels just a little harder in the hope that another agate more beautiful will appear. Our life here in camp sometimes is apt to become slightly dull, but there are always the 'Agates' to spice life up.

It seems that Paul Marten is tired of having fellows misinterpret his nocturnal monologues. They're always getting him wrong, so now he has begun speaking in Portuguese. It is hoped that there are no military secrets involved.

Eldon Reimer is always getting into difficulty. Last week he challenged Rufus Bachr to a boxing match. Bachr found several good openings before Reimer found a better one -- the door.

If you had seen a peroxide blond wandering around the camp it probably would have been the aforementioned Reimer. He is still suffering under the delusion that it was an accident that his hair shampoo exploded. Marvin Dester and Mervin Gochnauer have asked that their names should not be connected with the incident.

One of our table waiters informed me the other day that Dick Tschetter almost always tunes in stirring music whenever he bakes cake. Well -- I don't care exactly how he does it so long as the cakes don't march out of the kitchen. But I am worried about that coffee cake we had about two weeks ago that went flat, if I recall correctly.

Can you beat this? Melvin Preheim offered Lee Becker fifty cents if he would go over and dump Johnny Becker's bed. Wanting to stay on the good side of both Melvin and Johnny, Lee offered Johnny half of his profit if he would allow him to dump his bed, to which he agreed. Not bad would you say?

Dale Stucky has lost faith in mail order houses, I am made to understand. Rumor has it, in fact it really is supposed to be a secret, that he ordered several pairs of long handle underwear from Sears, Roebuck about a month ago and Sears kept stalling off. According to the rumor he has been forced to get along with a single pair. Priorities no doubt.

Every morning George Maniaci asks if there is anyone going past the exchange to mail the letters and if so would he please take George's letter along also. Royce Engle and Clarence Schrag so far have considered it their privilege, and must spend about ten minutes every morning deciding who will get the honor---

No more fight in dorm three,
The reason, seems to me,
Cause George on furlough be.

It is thought in reliable circles, and I am inclined to agree, that Walter Klassen must have had another birthday. He hit the all time high for the number of letters to be received in one day by any single person in camp. -- Ho-hummmmm We get older and older here in CPS don't we Walter.

by the 'Clear Agate'

CAMPER CHOOSES JAIL (Continued from p. 6) the first place. When his furlough was over, Dick surrendered himself to the authorities, asserting that he had no intentions of returning to Terry. He fully expects to be punished for his offense.

Director Beechy has stated that his attitude here in camp was "Very splendid!" He did his work willingly and was a pleasant and quiet camper. It is thought here that he was motivated by sincere religious convictions-- Dale Stucky

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